

February 27, 2006

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Protecting and Preserving Puget Sound

Re: Scope of the Washington State Department of Transportation Statewide Stormwater Permit

5309 Shilshole Avenue NW Suite 215 Seattle, Washington 98107 Dear Jay:

Phone: 206.297.7002 Fax: 206.297.0409 The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has requested that its Stormwater Permit coverage be limited to Phase I and Phase II municipalities.

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The Puget Soundkeeper Alliance believes that there is no legal justification for limiting the geographic scope of the WSDOT permit and no evidence that harmful stormwater discharges from state highways are limited to Phase I and II municipalities.

The Puget Soundkeeper Alliance urges you to maintain the statewide coverage proposed in the preliminary draft of the WSDOT Statewide Stormwater permit.

Sincerely,

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